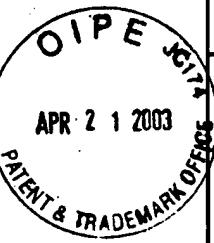


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 40575-182634
In re Application of Vernon STATON et al.		
Application Number 09/664,533		Filed September 18, 2000
For DEVICE AND METHOD OF USING EXPLOSIVE FORCES IN A CONTAINED LIQUID ENVIRONMENT		
Group Art Unit 1731	Examiner Dionne Walls	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$410.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 205.00.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 22-0261.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

*Total of 1 forms are submitted.



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